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**Subject:** RE: EPA Backgrounder on your Science paper: NJ PFAS Fingerprinting Manuscript -- internal deliberative draft thoughts

Thank you John! This is very helpful! I'm going to share this info with Tim Watkins and will get back to you. Tim told me that he had some ideas for questions too, and wanted to add to whatever you came up with. So I'll reach back out to you after I've had an opportunity to talk with Tim.

Thanks so much!

-Emily

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I can talk with you and Carolyn sometime if you like Emily. In the meantime, here are my between-you-and-me informal unreviewed thoughts. Let me know if you want to talk after you review these:

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**From:** Smith, Emily J. <[Smith.Emily@epa.gov](mailto:Smith.Emily@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 11:46 AM

**To:** Washington, John <[Washington.John@epa.gov](mailto:Washington.John@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: EPA Backgrounder on your Science paper: NJ PFAS Fingerprinting Manuscript

Thanks for the quick review John! Your edits look great. And your questions are really helpful!! Do you know the answers to some of these questions? (or even partial answers to some questions?) I believe that responses to many of these questions are going to need to come from other parts of the agency, but I thought I'd check with you. If you do know the answers to some of these Qs, maybe we could set up a time to talk and you can share your thoughts on how to respond. I'd like to include Carolyn Hubbard (ORD Comms Director) on that call. Of course, if you want to develop written responses, that'd be great, but I was trying to save you some work.

Thanks for your help with this!

Best,

-Emily

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Hi Emily,

Sorry for my delay. I offered some suggested changes in track-changes mode. I think you will get the gist of my suggestions and I trust your judgement on rejecting or editing. Feel free to call me with any questions.

I think you did a great job--  
Thanks,  
John

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**From:** Smith, Emily J. <[Smith.Emily@epa.gov](mailto:Smith.Emily@epa.gov)>  
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Hi John,

Attached, is an EPA "backgrounder" summarizing your Science paper for the EPA press office. I would appreciate it if you would please take a look and correct any inaccuracies. This is a very high-level explanation of the research, as it's intended to be understandable to the general public.

Tim Watkins and Andy Gillespie have reviewed the attached backgrounder and signed off on it. After I get your review, I will send it to the ORD Communications Office and ORD-IOAA for their review.

Best,

-Emily

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